

A DECLARATION

Of the Lords and Commons Assembled

in Parliament, for the vindication of *Ferdinando*

Lord Fairfax, and divers other Knights and Gentlemen, who were by *Henry Earl of Cumberland*, and *William Earl of Newcastle*, in two severall Proclamations, falsely, maliciously, and Traiterously Proclaimed TRAYTORS.

The Lords and Commons do further Declare

the sayd *Henry Earl of Cumberland*, and *William Earle of Newcastle*, and all that shall assist them, or either of them in their persons, or with Arms, Money, Provision, or otherwise howsoever, to be guilty of HIGH-TREASON.

Also, Requiring and Commanding all persons of what

estate, degree, or quality soever they be, as they tender the good and prosperity of the true Protestant Religion by Law established, and preservation of themselves, their Laws and Liberties, and

as they will answer it before Almighty God, that they do forthwith wholly and absolutely withdraw themselves from the said Earl of *NEVVCASTLE*, or any of the Forces raised by him.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons Assembled in Parliament, That this Declaration be forthwith Printed and Published.

Hen. Elsyng. Cler. Parl. D. C.

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OF F. L. GAY

JUNE 2, 1916

A Declaration of the Lords and Commons in Parliament; for the Vindication of *Ferdinando Lord Fairfax*, and others imployed in their Service.

WHereas *Henry* Earl of Cumberland, and *William* Earl of Newcastle, have not onely traiterously raised Warre against the Parliament; but likewise the said Earl of Newcastle, out of a wicked designe to suppress the Protestant Religion, and to advance the Popish Idolatry and Superstition, hath raised and armed a great number of Papists, and having brought them together in the body of an Army, is become their head and Captain Generall; And further, in pursuance of that wicked designe; and for the terrifying and destroying of those who out of conscience and duty to God and the Kingdom should oppose them in the execution thereof, they have by severall Proclamations

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mations, that is to say, by one bearing date the first of December last, under the name of the said Earle of Cumberland, and another dated the 17. of January last, under the name of the said Earl. of Newcastle, falsely, maliciously, and trayterously published Ferdinando Lord Fairfax, Sir Thomas Fairfax Knight, Sir Edward Loftus Knight, Sir Mathew Boynton Knight and Baronet, Sir Henry Foulis, & Sir Tho: Mauleverer, Baroneis; Sir Rich: Darley, Sir Christopher Wray, Sir Henry Anderson, Sir Iohn Savile, Sir Edward Rodes, Sir Hugh Cholmely, Sir Thomas Remington, and Sir Thomas Norcliffe, Knights; Iohn Hotham, William Lister, Thomas Hatcher, Iohn Legard, of Malton, Iohn Dodsworth, Iohn Wastell, Iohn Peirse, Esquires; William White, Iohn Robinson, Arthur Beckwith, Thomas Robinson and Thomas Stockdate, Gentlemen; and divers others and all their adherents to be Traytors. The Lords and Commons now assembled in Parliament, Do hereby declare, that the sayd Ferdinando Lo: Fairfax is by them, or by authority derived frō them, appointed Capt: Generall of the

the forces raised, and to be raised for the defence of Religion, the Liberty of the Kingdome and of the Parliament; And whatsoever he or any of the persons aforesaid, or any under him or them have done by vertue of that authority, they have done lawfully, and according to that duty which all good Subjects owe to God, the King and their Country, and that they shall for their so doing be maintained by the power and authority of Parliament: And they doe further authorize and require the sayd *Ferdinando* Lord *Fairfax*, the sayd persons aforesaid, and all others to continue and proceed in this so necessary and acceptable a service, and that all meanes may be used for the suppressing that Army of Papists and persons Popishly affected, now under the Command of the sayd Earle of *Newcastle*, which evidently threatens ruine and desolation to our Religion, Laws, and Liberties, and will (if not prevented) make us undergoe those cruelties, rapines, spoylings, and murderings, that our brethren of *Ireland* have

have suffered by the Popish Rebels there, which we must also expect from these, if they be not timely and powerfully resisted; The sayd Lords and Commons do further declare, the sayd *Henry Earle of Cumberland*, & *William Earl of Newcastle*, and all that shall asist them, or either of them in their persons, or with Arms, Mony, Provision or otherwise howsoever, To be guilty of high Treason, for raising Armes against the Parl: & kingdom; and that the sayd E: of *Newcastle* having made himselfe head of a Popish party now in Armes, hath thereby after a more horrid and detestable manner, manifested himselfe to be a Traytor, and an enemy to all true Religion and goodnesse; And therefore the sayd Lords and Commons do further require and command all persons of what estate, degree, or quality soever they bee, as they tender the good and prosperity of the true Protestant Religion by Law established, and preservation of themselves, their Laws and liberties, and as they will answer it before Almighty God; That they

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they do forthwith wholly and absolutely withdraw themselves from giving any ayd or assistance to the sayd Earl of *Newcastle*, or any of the Forces raised by him, or under his command, and that they fail not to give all ready and chearfull obedience and assistance to the command & authority of the sayd Lord *Fairfax*, so much conducing to the preservation of Religion; and to the peace of the County of *Yorke*, and the weale of the whole kingdom; Whereunto the Lords and Commons are confident that all persons which are, or desire to be accounted true Protestants, and rightly affected to Gods true Religion, the peace of the Kingdom, and the Liberty of the Subject (will to their utmost endeavours) willingly and resolutely, submit, conforme, and apply themselves.

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